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Arkansas a Formidable Battleship.

CAPTAIN ROY C. SMITH is in command of the Arkansas of the First division of the Atlantic fleet. She is a sister ship of the Wyoming. She has thirty-three guns, 20,000 tons, 28,000 horsepower and a four screw equipment. She is used as Badger's flagship when the Wyoming is laid up for repairs.

CAPTAIN SMITH OF BATTLESHIP ARKANSAS.



FLEET DUE AT TAMPICO

The War Ships Will Arrive There
Late Tonight is the Report by
Wireless.

ON BOARD THE U. S. A. ARKANSAS AT SEA, BY WIRELESS VIA KEY WEST, April 20.—With the port of Tampico not far off and the knowledge that President Huerta has refused to accede to the demand of the United States Government, Rear-Admiral Charles J. Badger, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet, and the members of his staff were busy today preparing a tentative plan of campaign. They gave special attention to the details of a possible landing.

The crews of the battleships practiced with small arms and at sighting the big guns.

Aided by the favorable current and with a smooth sea, the officers of the warships expect to be within easy distance of Tampico early Wednesday. LOS ANGELES, April 20.—(Special.)—Fearing that as a war measure Mexican soldiers will dynamite the dam 20 miles from Mexicali the supplies water for Imperial Valley, citizens of Brawley today organized an army of 700 mounted men to patrol the border and guard the canal.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—In an atmosphere of suppressed excitement reflecting grave tension and patriotic fervor, President Wilson asked Congress in person today for approval of his purpose to use the Army and Navy to force General Huerta to apologize for indignities offered to the American Government.

It was the first time since the war with Spain that the President had placed so grave an international crisis before the National Legislature. Mr. Wilson spoke in solemn tones. When he entered the House chamber the cheers and applause that greeted him were wildly enthusiastic—an outburst of the tension that has prevailed in the National capital for the last 24 hours.

Present Strength 120,000.
The present strength of the organized militia, including officers and men, is approximately 120,000 according to the latest returns from Adjutants General of the different states to the War Department.

Gunboat Taken on Provisions.
KEY WEST, Fla., April 20.—The gunboat Isle De Luzon and tender Yankton arrived here today for coal and provisions. They will proceed at once to Mexican waters.

MEXICO CITY, April 20. General Huerta offers all guarantees to foreigners, Americans included, who may remain in Mexico, and he will improve this opportunity to show the world that his government and Mexico are moral and civilized.

Oregon Has 2,000 Men Ready.

Salute or no salute, the Oregon National Guard is ready to mobilize within 48 hours. It is no secret either, that officers are expecting prompt orders to move.

"As Huerta has refused to fire the salute, I think that war will be declared said Colonel C. H. Martin, U. S. A. commander of the Third Oregon Infantry, "but even if he had given the requested salute the crisis could not be very long postponed."

"We now have nearly 2,000 men in Oregon who could be moved almost instantly on command. The infantry will include 1500 men and 51 officers, the battery 171 men and five officers, the cavalry 86 men and three officers and the ambulance companies 72 men and five officers. Besides there are eight companies of Coast Artillery that could be used in the field. These companies are ordinarily supposed to serve as coast defense, but they have been trained as infantry and it would perhaps be thought better to send them to the front in that capacity, rather than send green recruits."

"The peace strength of our companies is only 58 men, with three officers, while the war strength is 108 men and three officers. Then there will be a band of 36 pieces and 21 scouts, as well as a machine gun company of 108 men."

Guards Will Become Regulars.

"When the crisis comes the President will issue orders to Governors, following which the members of the National Guard will report to the Secretary of War and enter the Regular army as volunteers. The measure now before Congress, calling for the employment of the National Guard by the Government, will undoubtedly pass."

Nearly every quarter of the state would contribute its quota of guardsmen to the Oregon contingent. There are six companies of infantry, one battery, one troop of cavalry and one company of coast artillery at Portland, one company of infantry each at Oregon City, Woodburn, Dallas and McMinnville and two at Salem, two companies of coast artillery at Eugene and one each at Roseburg, Ashland, Cottage Grove, Albany and Medford.

All forms and blanks necessary for converting the Oregon National Guard

into United States service in the event of war have been received within the past 10 days at the office headquarters in the Morgan building, Portland.

Colonel Martin is in command of the 12 companies of the Third Regiment, Captain H. U. Welch, of Portland, is in command of the field artillery and Colonel Creed Hammond of Eugene is in command of the eight companies of the coast artillery reserves.

Clackamas Will Be Rendezvous.
Immediately following orders, mobilization will begin at Clackamas Station, 12 miles south of Portland, where everything has been made ready for movement.

The Dallas Company is willing to a man to enter the fray and you can rest assured the boys know how to shoot.

A SMOOTH SWINDLER

L. G. Martin Falls in Trying to Pass a Check on the Dallas National Bank. Sheriff Grant Makes a Good Capture.

One of the old-time tricks to swindle the farmer out of his hard earned cash was tried yesterday on a Polk County farmer and the smooth gentleman is in the Polk County jail, and the farmer still has his farm and cash, thanks to the good judgment of Mr. Eugene Hayter of the Dallas National Bank and to the good work of Polk County Sheriff, John M. Grant.

The story is as follows, last Saturday a man who gave his name as L. G. Martin came into the law offices of Sibley & Eakie and in company with Mr. James McDonald asked to have a contract made whereby he was to purchase the fine farm of McDonald and pay \$500 down to bind the bargain, the purchase price being \$14,000. Also a contract for the farm of D. F. Borge and Hannah E. Evans for \$16,000. While Judge Sibley was writing the contract, Martin went to the Dallas National Bank and deposited over \$30,000 in eastern drafts drawn on the Hanover National Bank of New York and issued by the State Bank of Kansas City, Mo. He wanted to draw a few hundred dollars on them but Banker Hayter said he would send them on for collection, and on receipt of the money would then place it to his credit to check on. Martin later stated that he wanted a little cash so that he could make a payment on a piece of property he purchased at Salem and could not wait that long. Martin suggested that Mr. McDonald accompany him to Salem and there he might be able to get a check cashed, as he needed the money to make the \$500 payment. Mr. McDonald and Martin started for Salem. Then Mr. Hayter got busy and called up the Salem banks and put them wise, then notified Sheriff Grant, the latter securing an auto, arrived in Salem ahead of Martin and Mr. McDonald. When the latter gentlemen arrived at the bank the Sheriff was there seated on a chair as a customer, quietly awaited the outcome. It was only a few minutes when Martin passed a check to the cashier for over \$3,000 and asked to have the same cashed, and having Mr. McDonald, who is entirely responsible to vouch for him, it might have worked, but Sheriff Grant stepped up and took both check and man to Dallas and the smooth Mr. Martin is now at the famous Hotel De Polk as a star boarder. This transaction shows that the farmer can not be too careful in all their business transactions with strangers, and some time even with those who you only have a slight acquaintance. Credit should be given Mr. Eugene Hayter for his shrewd business sagacity and also to Sheriff Grant for the part taken to nip in the bud this style of grafters.

Will Move to Dallas.

The controlling interest in the Hammel hotel passed from the hands of J. C. Hammel to J. B. Thompson of Dallas. The consideration is said to be about \$50,000. Hammel gets some Portland residence property and a large fruit farm near Dallas also, which he plans to manage personally. J. B. Thompson, owner of the Gail hotel is of Dallas.—Albany Herald.

To Organize Grange.

There is a meeting at the Bridgeport school house today, for the purpose of organizing a grange. A good move.

COUNCIL MEETING

The City Dads Met Last Night and Transacted the Usual Routine of Business.

The first thing that woke the members up was when the report of the arbitration committee was read in reference to the amount allowed Mr. Uglov for the ground that was to be used as a septic tank location.

What shall we do with the report? came forth the sonorous voice of the Mayor. Silence reigned for a few minutes, the stillness became painful, at last Councilman Hayter rose and said, as this matter was left to the decision of three men, and as the council agreed to abide by their decision, I do not see how we can avoid accepting their report and paying the amount of the appraisement, I admit that it was a great surprise to me when I learned that the amount allowed was so large, I had no idea it would reach such a figure, but as I said it was agreed to abide by their decision, so I move that the price be paid as soon as Mr. Uglov make out a good and sufficient deed. Councilman Sibley seconded. Then the Mayor spoke:—Gentlemen as mayor of the city of Dallas, if this is passed, it will be over my protest, I think it is wrong to pay this price, it is far too much. \$1,500 for a little more than an acre? I have in my pocket an option on a piece of land that can be bought for \$600 that is as good and can be used. I don't think it is right and I go on record as so saying and you can recall me if you want to.

QUESTION, a councilman called, the vote was taken. Hayter, Gohrke, McRee, Sibley, Barham, Risser voted Yes, Fenton and Barber, No. Carried.

Councilman Hayter made a good motion as follows:—that the city attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance to compel connections to the sewer be made from toilets, and other places where water is used and allowed to waste.—Carried.

A number of sidewalks were ordered to be laid. Dr. McCallon, the County Health Officer, appeared before the council and asked permission to allow him to repair his walk on his property instead of building a new one as ordered. The mayor stated that he had to build a new walk when he wanted to repair it, and as a new walk was ordered and the records are all made up showing this, the Doctor would have to build. The decision met the approval of all present. The council agreed to pay, not to exceed \$150 to fix the road at and near the Geo. Brown's place.

Attended Lodge at Sheridan.

Charley Westover, Cleve Birch, Sam Schooley, Dr. Horn, John Richter, Harry Belt and Al Snyder went over to Sheridan Saturday evening to see a class of eighteen new members added to the roster of the Odd Fellows' Lodge at that place. Degree teams from McMinnville, Amity and Willamina did the work, and those who went from here say it was worth the trip to see it. Sheridan Lodge lost its hall in the big fire last fall, but are now comfortably situated. Boys from here also say they were favorably impressed with the appearance of the "New Sheridan," that is being built up in a substantial, modern manner of brick and concrete, the new Masonic and Hotel buildings comparing favorably with the best in Valley towns. About three hundred linkers attended Saturday evening's gathering.

A Good Game, 5 to 4.

Dallas defeated the Columbia Hardware team of Portland Sunday by the score of 5 to 4. Threatening rain and cold winds prevented a large crowd from being present. The pitching of Myers of Dallas was a feature, he striking out 12 men and allowing only 5 hits. Dallas secured 13 hits off of Hyonamus of Portland. A pretty piece of fielding was pulled off by Dallas in the 3rd inning when with the bases full they made a triple play. Boydston to Cooper to Woods retiring the side. The Portland boys proved themselves poor losers by continued "ragging" throughout the game. Dallas scored in the 1st, 3rd and 8th innings and Portland in the 7th inning.

Be There at 7 O'clock.

If you want to eat at the "Made-in-Oregon" banquet, be there promptly at 7 p. m. Wednesday evening. Remember this!

Mr. and Mrs. Stork Visit Dallas.

While Mr. Downey, the leader of the Orchestra was swinging his baton to the right and left Saturday night at the Hatchet dance, a messenger informed him that an expected guest had arrived to make him a visit of years to come. He at once lost all interest in band music and from this time on will endeavor to have the kids' musical numbers in harmony with his popular orchestra. It's a girl and mother and infant are doing well.

Arthur Vineyard was wearing a smile that Spolito would not wash off yesterday all on account of a sweet baby girl that the stork left at his residence. Step High is not in it any more.

Death of Mr. J. P. Aldrich

Word was received Sunday that the father of Mrs. Chas. Bennett of this city and of Mrs. Dr. H. S. Carey, a former resident of Dallas, died at his home near Oregon City Sunday, after an illness of several months' duration. The deceased, Mr. J. P. Aldrich was a man of great character and numbered his friends by the score and during his business career as a merchant at Canemah, a suburb of Oregon City, made a record as a successful business man.

Good Roads.

At the Court House at 8 p. m. tonight you will hear a talk on good roads, and also arrangements will be made for Good Roads Day Saturday, April 25th.

CITY AND COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dunn and family of Dallas spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dunn of Polk Station.

Mr. and Mrs. August Koenmann, former Dallas people, but now of Sandy, Oregon, are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Miss Opal McDevitt, who has been away spending several weeks with friends and relatives has returned to Dallas.

Mrs. Jim Conner, who has been spending a few days in Falls City, returned to her home in Dallas the first of the week.

The Hatchet Club gave one of its highly enjoyable dances last Saturday night. A large number from Falls City and McMinnville were present.

K. L. C. E. of United Evangelical Church held its monthly business meeting and social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Siefert last Friday night. About 30 enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Conrad Stafrin accompanied Mr. Stafrin to Portland last week but somehow or other Conrad lost Mrs. Stafrin in one of the apartment stores, and hot footed it to the meeting place of the Dallas shiners.

Mr. Peter Frieze who has been working for the Willamette Valley Lumber Company has given up his position there and has left for Portland, where he will take up railroad-ing.

Clint Guy says that he does not complain when the days are a little cool, but when a nice day comes that the fish bites it makes him envy the rich who do not have to work for a living.

J. W. Lee, who has been living on the old home place this side of Falls City for the past 63 years was in Dallas Saturday, spinning some of the old time yarns that the boys of 49 used to tell as the truth.

A number of the old pioneers are very much interested in the story that Jessie Applegate has written. One of them said while in Dallas Monday that it brought back with vivid recollections the days of long ago.

Mr. Jack Frost made Dallas a social call this morning, his stay was short as he departed on the early train. The reception given Mr. Frost was a little cool and if he is a sensitive party he would think twice before coming again.

Rev. Jessie Kellems who is filling the pulpit at the Christian Church during the absence of its regular pastor delivered two powerful sermons Sunday. For a young man, Rev. Kellems is an interesting talker, and strikes home with his remarks.

Captain Conrad Stafrin was ordered to Portland yesterday morning to report as to the condition of his military company. Most all the boys are anxious to go to the front but the girls will be so lonesome.

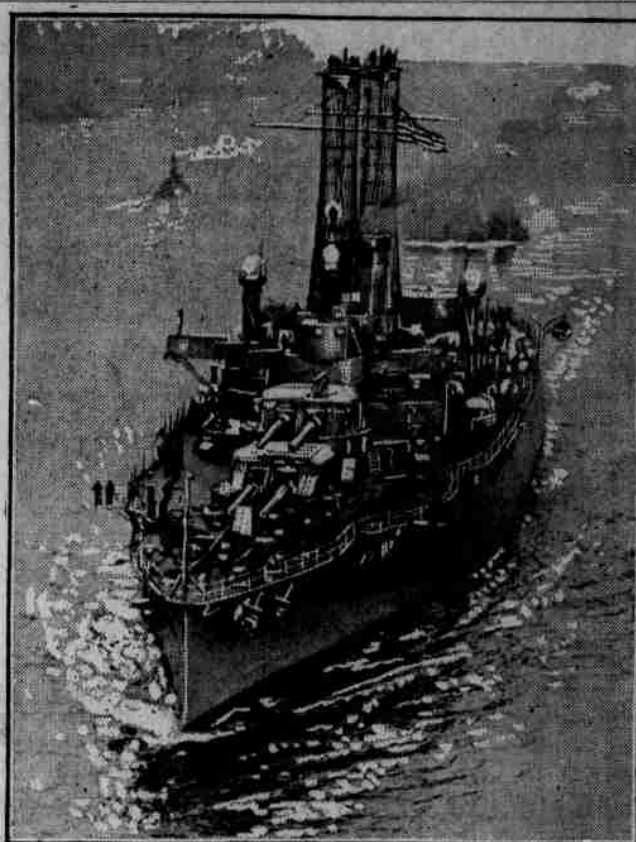


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Wyoming, Badger's Great Flagship.

THE Wyoming has thirty-three guns. She is of 20,000 tons, 28,000 horsepower and has four screws. She is the official flagship of Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet sent to Mexico.

Mr. Howe, manager of the Dallas Mercantile Company, went to Oregon City to attend the funeral of J. P. Aldrich who died of Bright's Disease Sunday. The deceased was a friend of Mr. Howe.

Mrs. Curtis, mother of the Curtis brothers who are holding revival services at the Christian Church, arrived here from Tacoma Saturday and was an interested listener at the preaching and singing of her sons for the first time.—Sheridan Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Van Norwick spent Sunday in Forest Grove, attending a family reunion of their cousin, George Van Norwick who was celebrating his 83rd birthday. Over 63 guests were present and an enjoyable day was spent.

It was a hot bunch that attended the Shriners' meeting in Portland last week. Those attending from Dallas were Dr. Mark Hayter, Walter Williams, C. B. Sundberg, Carl Williams, J. C. Hayter and Conrad Stafrin.

The fame of the Hotel Gail is spreading, a few weeks ago, Mr. Hugo Bezdek, coach of the U. of O., was here and a Eugene paper says that Bezdek must have been struck on Dallas, as he said that of all the hotels he has stopped at and they have been many, the Hotel Gail served the best 50c. meal he ever ate.

POLK COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

School rallies were held as follows: Friday, April 17th, at Fern with a good attendance. Mr. Macken attended. Also on Friday, a school rally was held at Lone Star with a fair attendance. Mr. Seymour attended.

Saturday, April 18th, school rally was held at Harmony with a good attendance. Mr. Macken attended. Also on Saturday a rally was held at Hopville with Seymour attending.

Parent-Teachers' meeting was held at Brush College Friday, April 17th, at 8 p. m., with F. L. Griffen of Corvallis and H. C. Seymour present.

Parent-Teachers' meeting was held at Rickreall on Saturday, April 18th, with M. S. Pittman of the Normal School and H. C. Seymour attending. Both of these meetings were well attended meetings.

The following schools have closed: Eola closed a seven months' term Friday, April 17th. Miss Margaret Youngberg teacher; Lewisville closed a seven months' term Friday, April 17th, Miss Cecil Dodd teacher. This was a Standard School; Concord closed a seven months' term Friday, April 17th with E. L. Boyer as teacher; Crowley closed a seven months' term Friday, April 17th with Miss Delilah McDaniel as teacher.

The regular Eighth Grade Picnic will be held at Rickreall Saturday, June 13th. This is THE picnic of the season. We are expecting 150 eighth grade graduates to be on the stage. Remember the date.

CHARLES J. BADGER, AT HEAD OF FLEET.



PORTLAND MARKET PRICES

The following is corrected to date of going to press, and are Portland quotations.

Grain, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices:—Club, 92c; Valley 92c.
BARLEY—Feed, \$21.50 and \$22 per ton.
OATS—No. 1 white, milling, \$23 per ton.
CORN—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 per ton.
HAY—Mixed timothy, \$14 and \$15; valley grain hay, \$12.50 and \$14; alfalfa, \$12 and \$13.
MILFEED—Bran \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$31.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:
EGGS—Fresh Oregon ranch, 19c. and 19½c. per dozen.
POULTRY—Hens, 19c; broilers 30c and 35c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c and 27c; ducks, 17c and 20c; geese, 10c and 12c.
CHEESE—Oregon triplets, 20c.
BUTTER—Creamery prints, extra, 25c. per pound; cubes, 23c.
PORK—Fancy, 10½c. and 11c. per pound.
VEAL—Fancy 13c. and 13½c. per pound.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

HOPS—1912 crop prime and choice, 15c. and 17c; 1914 contracts, nominal.
PELTS—Dry, 10c; dry short wool, 7c; dry shearings, 10c; green shearings, 10c; salted sheep, 90c. and \$1; spring lambs, 15c. and 25c.
WOOL—Valley, 17c. and 18c; Eastern Oregon, 12c. and 18c.
MOHAIR—1914 clip, 27c. per pound.
CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 5c. per pound.